

Nature Programs



Ice-Breaker Bass Tournaments

Saturday, February 27 + Sunday, March 14

7:00am until Weigh-In @ 3:00pm

The Weekend Bassers Fishing Club will hold two winter open Ice Braker Fishing Tournaments at Motts Run Reservoir! Proceeds will benefit the Kids' Fishing Derby June 5th (a free fishing weekend).

For more information, call 372-1086 ext. 213.

Stargazing in the Park

(Ages: 8 to Adult) Join astronomer Myron Wasiuta, for a series of heavenly stargazing programs. Discover the wonders of the universe through a powerful computer-controlled Celestron 14-inch telescope and other state-of-the-art equipment. Dress warmly and come prepared for a great adventure! Space is limited and all (adults & children) must pay. Separate sign up for each Saturday.

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| 6525.204 | 16-Jan, 7-9PM | <i>Star Clusters & Nebulae</i> |
| 6525.205 | 20-Feb, 7-9PM | <i>Observing the Moon & Mars!</i> |
| 6525.301 | 13-March, 8-10PM | <i>Exploring the Winter Milky Way--Star Clusters Galore!</i> |
| 6525.302 | 17-April, 9-11PM | <i>The Galaxies of Spring-Touring Distant Island Universes!</i> |
| 6525.303 | 22-May, 9-11PM | <i>See the Rings of Saturn!</i> |
- Motts Run Nature Center Instructor: Wasiuta, Myron
\$4 City and Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 1/5 City 1/12 Non-City

Ground Hog Day!

(Ages: 4 to 5yrs) What do groundhogs, woodchucks and whistle pigs all have in common? They're all the same critter and we'll celebrate them with great fun (and whistling, of course!). Make a little cute puppet, climb in a huge burrow (and pop out!), play games and have an "earthy" snack! Oh, and bring a big ground hog with you (at no charge).

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| 6521.208 | Tu, 2-Feb | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM |
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- Motts Run Nature Center Instructor: Bailey, Linda
\$6 City and Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 1/5 City 1/12 Non-City

Winter Night Hike

(Ages: 6 to Adult) Bundle up tight and come into the night ... We'll sip a bit o' hot chocolate, then set out to explore the evening woods of winter! Bring a flashlight, wear sturdy shoes with good traction, and dress warmly. Great for families - children must be able to hike quietly a mile (No one under six). Meet at Motts Run Nature Center.

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| 6331.201 | F, 8-Jan | 7:00 PM - 8:15 PM |
| 6331.202 | F, 26-Feb | 7:00 PM - 8:15 PM |
- Motts Run Nature Center Instructor: Bailey, Linda
\$4 City and Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 1/5 City 1/12 Non-City
Registration for January Hike has already begun.

Bird Brains

(Ages: 6 to 12yrs) Fly on over to the Nature Center and learn all about birds and more specifically, how they use their amazing beaks. We'll 'fill the bill' as we use a variety of everyday objects to imitate the methods these wonderful creatures use to capture their food and eat. Hands on fun; all materials provided.

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| 6320.203 | W, 13-Jan | 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM |
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- Motts Run Nature Center Instructor: Dempsey, Mimi
\$8 City and Non-City Resident
Registration has already begun.

Snowflake Fun

(Ages: 4 to 6yrs) Come chase away the winter blues and celebrate snowflakes. We'll have fun doing a craft, reading a story and having a snack to learn more about these beautiful and unique creations of nature. Ages 4 to 6 with a favorite adult, no siblings please.

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| 6234.201 | Tu, 26-Jan | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM |
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- Motts Run Nature Center Instructor: Dempsey, Mimi
\$5 City and Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 1/5 City 1/12 Non-City

Cozy Cabin Crafts

(Ages: 8 to Adult) Spend a cozy, creative Saturday morning tucked away in the Motts Run Nature Center! We'll have goodies on hand as we make candles, bookmarks, stationery and other delights to keep or share with a friend. Fee includes all materials. Wear old clothes (you might get a bit messy) and dress warmly as some crafts will be done outside. Open to all Kids 8 years and older (10 and under must attend with parent).

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| 6250.201 | Sa, 30-Jan | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM |
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- Motts Run Nature Center Instructor: Bailey, Linda
\$12 City and Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 1/5 City 1/12 Non-City

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Winter Bird Walk

(Ages: 13 to Adult) Bring your binoculars and field guides (we have some for borrowing) to Motts Run Reservoir for a peek at our winter birds! We'll check the feeders for chickadees, nuthatches and other common resident songbirds, walk the woods in search of woodpeckers and the uncommon creeper, search the shoreline for sparrows and cardinals, and scope out the wintering buffleheads and grebes that may be stationed on the lake. Great for beginners and the experienced birder alike. Bundle up, wear waterproof footwear with good traction, and meet at the Motts Run Nature Center. For adults and teens.

6331.208 Sa, 20-Feb 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM
Motts Run Nature Center Instructor: Bailey, Linda
\$6 City and Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 1/5 City 1/12 Non-City

For Goodness Snakes!

(Ages: 4 to 6yrs) Slither on over to the Nature Center to learn all about snakes. We'll meet and touch a real snake, Pocket our lovely snake ambassador. Do a craft, read a story and have a ssssnack.

6239.201 Tu, 23-Feb 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Motts Run Nature Center Instructor: Dempsey, Mimi
\$5 City and Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 1/5 City 1/12 Non-City

Scat Rap!

(Ages: 9 to Adult) Preposterous, indeed! A class on droppings, I dare suggest! One of the most common signs an animal leaves behind is its scat along the trail. We'll learn to identify then recreate some scat (using clay!). Snack included (NOT what you think!).

6228.201 Tu, 23-Feb 4:15 PM - 5:45 PM
Motts Run Nature Center Instructor: Bailey, Linda
\$6 City and Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 1/5 City 1/12 Non-City

Eco-Explorer

(Ages: 6 to 12yrs) Hike over to Motts Run to take a winter scavenger hunt through the woods. We'll return to the Nature Center to discuss animal habitats, make a food chain, and end by making a homemade bird feeder for you to take home. Dress warmly and wear sturdy shoes.

6227.201 W, 24-Feb 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM
Motts Run Nature Center Instructor: Dempsey, Mimi
\$8 City and Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 1/5 City 1/12 Non-City

Trail Through Time

(Ages: 8 to 12yrs) From the banks of Hazel Run where Native Americans once gathered clay, to the cliffs where women and children sought refuge during the Civil War, Alum Spring Park offers an astounding peek into the past. We'll visit the sites of an old ice house, tragic duel, and railroad as we take a hike and travel through time. A great pre-spring walk in the woods!

6228.306 Su, 14-Mar 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Alum Spring Park Instructor: Bailey, Linda
\$6 City and Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 1/5 City 1/12 Non-City

Fire Building

(Ages: 8 to 14yrs) Come learn how to build a fire using a variety of methods, including at least one without matches. We'll also make some fire starters out of re-cycled materials for you to take home.

6227.301 W, 17-Mar 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM
Motts Run Nature Center Instructor: Dempsey, Mimi
\$8 City and Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 1/5 City 1/12 Non-City

Awesome Orienteering!

(Ages: 9 to Adult) Spend an early spring afternoon learning the skills and adventure of orienteering! With map and compass in hand, we'll set out in search of hidden posts in the woods...who knows, we might even find a treat at the trail's end! Great fun for adults and kids alike—everyone pays. Excellent scouting opportunity. Wear sturdy footwear and dress for the weather (layers recommended). Compasses provided. Bring water.

6222.302 W, 24-Mar 4:15 PM - 6:00 PM
Motts Run Nature Center Instructor: Bailey, Linda
\$6 City and Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 1/5 City 1/12 Non-City

Outdoor Cooking For Kids

(Ages: 8 to 12yrs) Come on over to Motts where we'll be cookin' up a storm. We'll roast some yummy foods around the campfire, bake in a box oven and more. Learn some fun techniques for outdoor cooking you can use at home or on your own camp out.

6241.301 Sa, 27-Mar 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Motts Run Nature Center Instructor: Dempsey, Mimi
\$10 City and Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 1/5 City 1/12 Non-City

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Motts Run Nature Center 2010 Volunteer Orientation

March 11th, 4:15-6pm
at the Motts Run Nature Center

Children welcome to volunteer with their parents!

Calling Nature enthusiasts of all ages! Volunteers needed to staff the Motts Run Nature Center on weekends from April through October. A ten hour commitment requested for the season. We'll teach you everything you need to know! Must be 16 years of age.

CALL Linda Bailey to register 372-1086 x213

Nature Journals

(Ages: 5 to 10yrs) Make a beautiful keepsake you can take home while we hike along the scenic trails at Motts Reservoir. We'll measure a tree, identify some leaves and write a poem as we take in the nature around us.

6236.301 W, 31-Mar 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM
Motts Run Nature Center Instructor: Dempsey, Mimi
\$8 City and Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 1/5 City 1/12 Non-City

Spring Creature Feature with the Bug Man!

(Ages: 4 to 12yrs) The "Bugman" is back! Recently thawed from a long Minnesota winter, the very popular Henry Michaloski will arrive with his collection of curious creatures! Meet live animals to (hopefully) include an opossum, armadillo and other critters that creep, crawl and fly! Learn their habitats, habits, adaptations and more! (Kids 4-13 pay--Parents attend at no charge). Children MUST be able to sit for 45 minutes.

6510.301 F, 2-Apr 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Community Center Instructor: Michaloski, Henry
\$6 City and Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 1/5 City 1/12 Non-City

Pirate Canoe Voyage

(Ages: 6 to 9yrs) Ahoy there mateys, sail on down to Motts for an exciting voyage out on the canoes. We'll find some hidden treasure and much more as we paddle along the beautiful lakeshore. Each scalawag will need only one non-paying adult to paddle with them.

6121.301 Sa, 10-Apr 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Motts Run Nature Center Instructor: Dempsey, Mimi
\$10 City and Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 1/5 City 1/12 Non-City

Wildflower Walk

(Ages: 8 to Adult) An annual favorite is back in bloom! Come search for spring wildflowers on this gentle woodland walk. We'll be on alert for spring beauty, bloodroot, cut-leaved toothwort and much more! Fun for adults and kids 8 and up (must attend with paying parent).

6310.301 Su, 18-Apr 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Motts Run Nature Center Instructor: Bailey, Linda
\$4 City and Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 1/5 City 1/12 Non-City



OUTDOOR SUMMER CAMPS!

Details on Summer Camps in the
Spring/Summer Catalog

**Camp Wildwood ★ Camp Hideaway
★ Teen Adventure ★ Survivor**

Summer Camp registration will begin
4/20 City and 4/27 Non-City Residents
Space if very limited for each camp!

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**Earth Day &
River Clean Up
at Old Mill Park**
Saturday, April 24th
11am - 3pm
FREE!
**- Music - Food - Environmental Booths -
- Games - Hikes - Earth Day's 40th Anniversary! -
Volunteers and Sponsors Needed!**
Presented by the F'burg Parks & Rec, the Rappahannock Sierra Club, Friends of the Rappahannock, and Mountain View Learn & Serve
For more information: 372-1086 ext. 213

Junior Naturalist: Birds!

(Ages: 10 to 15yrs) Soar and glide on down for the newest Junior Naturalist class—BIRDS! We'll spend four weeks immersed in the world of our feathered friends, learning keys to bird and nest identification, the proper way to observe nestlings, how to use binoculars and much more! Embroidered patch for all who complete class.

6235.301 Tu, 27-Apr to 25-May 4:15 PM - 5:45 PM
Motts Run Nature Center Instructor: Bailey, Linda
\$40 City, \$50 Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 1/5 City 1/12 Non-City

Fantastic Fossils

(Ages: 6 to 12yrs) Come learn about ancient signs of life found all around us. We'll investigate and classify some multi-million year old fossils, take a hike to see fossilized remains in sandstone cliffs and even make a fossil to take home. For anyone interested in fossils, all participants pay.

6246.301 W, 28-Apr 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM
Alum Spring Park Instructor: Dempsey, Mimi
\$8 City and Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 1/5 City 1/12 Non-City

Dipnetting for Dragonflies

(Ages: 5 to Adult) Here's a great way to start your Saturday—at Motts Run Reservoir! We'll search the greening lakeshore for aquatic insects and more. From tadpoles to insect larvae, tiny mosquito fish to crawfish...there's a world of wonder just beneath the water's surface. Great fun for adults and children (everyone pays) Wear your best mud shoes!

6229.303 Sa, 1-May 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Motts Run Nature Center Instructor: Bryant, Doris
\$4 City and Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 1/5 City 1/12 Non-City

Nature Photography for Kids

(Ages: 8 to 12yrs) Just in time to enter the Annual Fredericksburg Photography Show. Practice framing a good shot, discuss a few other tidbits and explore the lakeshore area to look for some great shots. Return to the Nature Center to upload photos and create a fun slide show and talk about which photo you might like to enter. (There is a separate fee for the photography contest) This is NOT a how to use your camera class. Please bring a camera, fresh batteries, and an EMPTY memory card. For kids ages 8-12, kids under 10 must come with their favorite adult.

6236.302 Sa, 8-May 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Motts Run Nature Center Instructor: Dempsey, Mimi
\$10 City and Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 1/5 City 1/12 Non-City

Nature Play For Preschoolers

(Ages: 4 to 5yrs) Hop on down for our popular Nature Play for Preschoolers! This spring, we'll learn about frogs, beavers, bird nests, bugs and more! We'll explore the lakeshore and trails, and on our final day go canoeing. Open to 4's and 5's only — sorry, no siblings, please! Kids must bring their favorite grown up with them! (at no charge).

6210.305 Th, 22-Apr to 27-May 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Motts Run Nature Center Instructor: Bailey, Linda
\$40 City, \$56 Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 1/5 City 1/12 Non-City



KIDS' FISHING DERBY

at Motts Run Reservoir
Saturday, June 5, 2010
9:00am - Noon
FREE! Ages 4 - 16 years

REGISTRATION
7:30am - 10:30am

Fishing, boat rental, games, prizes, vendors, hiking, picnicking... fun for the entire family!

VOLUNTEERS & SPONSORS NEEDED!!
For information, call Linda Bailey at 372-1086 x 213
*Sponsored by the Fredericksburg
Parks & Recreation and the Weekend Bassers*

Ash Bash: Mt. St. Helens' 30th Anniversary!

(Ages: 7 to 13yrs) Thirty years ago, Mt. St. Helens erupted blowing 1,300 feet of mountain 12 miles high! Linda Bailey, then a student at Washington State University, will share her personal story of being in the ash fall zone, as well as an array of anecdotes and fascinating facts from this awesome event. In addition, we'll create and explode our own volcanoes. You'll get a bang out of this one! Kids 10 and under must bring a (free) grown-up!

6518.305 Tu, 18-May 4:15 AM - 5:30 PM
Motts Run Nature Center Instructor: Bailey, Linda
\$6 City and Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 1/5 City 1/12 Non-City

Tracking and Canoeing

(Ages: 9 to Adult) Come paddle the waters of Motts Run Reservoir where we'll stop along the way and look for animal tracks to identify. We'll start at the Nature Center where we'll make a plaster cast of an animal track of your choice then we'll head out via canoe to see what we can find.

6139.301 W, 26-May 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM
Motts Run Nature Center Instructor: Dempsey, Mimi
\$10 City and Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 1/5 City 1/12 Non-City

Frog Walk

(Ages: 6 to Adult) Bullfrogs "bellowing," pickerel frogs "snoring," cricket frogs "clicking," and more, on this memorable night hike! We'll enjoy a cacophony of sound along the lakeshore at Motts Reservoir as these spring frogs tune up...bound to be a perfect evening. Great for all amphibian enthusiasts--old and young alike. Just bring a flashlight and wear boots or shoes you can get muddy. (Family event--adults and kids both pay!) Choose one date and join the fun!

6332.301 F, 28-May 8:15 PM - 9:15 PM
6332.302 Sa, 29-May 8:15 PM - 9:15 PM
Motts Run Nature Center Instructor: Bailey, Linda
\$5 City and Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 1/5 City 1/12 Non-City

Night Catfishing at Motts Run Reservoir

Bring your gear for bank fishing after hours! Join us on Friday nights, 8:30pm-1:00am!
No pre-registration required.

May 7 May 21 June 11 June 25 July 9
July 23 August 13 August 27
September 10 September 24
8:30pm-1:00am

For more information, contact Don Minor at Motts,
(540) 786-8989.

TO-DO

Find a party location!!!

call parks and rec

what do they have?

✓ Park?? Picnic??

✓ Indoor space??

✓ kickball or other game??

what do we want to do???

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space, indoor space, or athletic areas, we
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occassion!**

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**or visit us at
www.fredericksburgva.gov/PR/index.htm**